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TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



Commodore Srikant B Kesnur

Comde Srikant Kesnur, an alumnus of the prestigious National Defence Academy, was commissioned in the Indian Navy in July 1986. In his 35 year career he has had extensive experience in maritime operations, training, leadership, diplomacy, and communication. He has been the Captain of two frontline ships and, in addition, his tours of duty have witnessed several important assignments, prestigious courses and interesting tenures - at sea, ashore and abroad. He was also the Defence Adviser at the High Commission of India, in Nairobi, Kenya, from Oct 2008 to Mar 2012, with Kenya, Tanzania, Seychelles, Eritrea and Somalia as his area of responsibility.

He has a PhD from Mumbai University apart from five postgraduate degrees in science and social sciences. He has been senior faculty at

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Navy/Military colleges and training institutions. He has also been the lead writer and Chief Editor of nine books and many journals for the Indian Navy. In addition, he has been involved with several academic, creative and corporate outreach endeavours of the Navy. He is presently the Director of Maritime Warfare Centre, Mumbai as also the Officer in Charge of Naval History Project.

He has been conferred the Vishist Seva Medal (VSM) in the Republic Day awards 2021.

Mega Blood Donation Project - I



Venue: Rotary Sadan Date: 4th Sept, 2021 Time: 9.00 AM

A Mega Blood Donation Camp was organised by RC Calcutta at Rotary Sadan on 4th Sept '21, a joint initiative with District 3291. The event was partnered with RC Calcutta Jadavpur and RC Tollygunge. MLA Debasish Kumar inaugurated the project, and jointly with DG Prabir Chatterjee solemnised the event by lighting the Ceremonial Lamp. The Lamp lighting ceremony was assisted by President Sujata Pyne, Sriranjani Joshi, Secretary, Sushil Bagla and other dignitaries. PDG Brojo Gopal Kundu and PDG Pinaki Ranjan Ghosh shared the dais and blessed the occasion.

RC Calcutta had publicised the benefits and humanitarian services extended through blood donation, and adequately informed as to who can donate blood. 'Donor screening formalities' had been pre-arranged and all donor data was recorded, before blood extraction. A large contingent from Calcutta Police had presented for voluntary blood donation.

One of the first donors was District First Lady, Rubena Chatterjee, with past Secretary Subhajit Guha Mazumder and Arindam Roychoudhury donated from our Club. From Calcutta Police there were 40 donors. In aggregate 63 units of blood was donated during the camp period. All donors were deeply thanked, that their contribution will help Thalassemia patients, and a packet containing snacks was gifted from the club as a token of appreciation.



Reported by Hony. Secy Sriranjani and Rtn. Amit Ghosh

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TREE PLANTATION – HARIYALI PROJECT FOR CITY BEAUTIFICATION – PHASE II

Venue: Victoria Square Gardens, Kolkata

Date: 4th Sept, 2021

Time: 9.30 a.m.



In continuation to joint participation with District in District 3291's Initiative of Hariyali Project for City Beautification (refer The Chaka dated 28-8-21), RC Calcutta did Rose sapling plantation at Victoria Square Gardens on Albert Road. While the RC Calcutta team led by President Sujata Pyne, and comprising of Sriranjani Joshi, Secretary, Debjani Ghosh, Treasurer, Partha Mukerjee, and S.K. Agarwal, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation team was headed by Co-ordinator of Ward 64, Smt Susmita Bhattacharjee. Taj Bengal was the partners to this project, and a team from Taj assisted in the entire plantation project. A team of gardeners from KMC helped in spot selection, earth digging & watering for the sapling plantation, and the future care and maintenance of the

plants will be undertaken by the park & gardens dept of KMC.

On completion of the allotted sapling plantation, President Sujata thanked the KMC Co-ordinator Smt Susmita, for granting the opportunity for this plantation project, and Smt Susmita gracefully reciprocated that these acts of concern & attention to nature by organisations like Rotary, goes a long way in addressing pollution and 'cleansing' the city atmosphere. The event received wide media coverage, and available in <https://www.sanbadsamakal.com/rose-plantation-in-city-park>

Reported by Hony. Secy Sriranjani and Rtn Amit Ghosh

MEGA BLOOD DONATION PROJECT –II

Venue: Bally, Howrah

Date: 5th Sept, 2021

Time: 10.15 AM



In continuation of the Mega Blood Donation Camp organised by RC Calcutta at Rotary Sadan on 4th Sept '21, RC Calcutta partnered a 2nd Blood Donation Camp in Bally, Howrah on 5th Sept. The joint project was held under the auspices of Bally Kendra TYC, an NGO looking after welfare of city cab drivers.

Our Club team was led by Rtn. Partha Mukerjee. The Chief Guests for the event were MLA Sri Kalyan Ghosh & MLA Sri Lagan Deo Singh, who kindly inaugurated the Camp, and various local dignitaries graced the occasion. The blood Bank entrusted for the collection was Howrah Hospital Blood Bank, a Govt organisation. As usual all 'donor screening formalities' was pre-arranged, and proper donor list was maintained. There were 73 Donors in aggregate. The Camp concluded at 2.00 p.m.

Reported by Rtn. Amit Ghosh with contribution from Rtn. Partha Mukherjee

GURUPRANAM

On **5th September**, Teachers day, the Club felicitated 15 teachers of the NCNCL and Computer Section of Rotary Sadan and the teacher coordinators of Interact Club of Silver Point School in the presence of the school principal R-Ann Sucharita. Rtn Roshni Ganguly, the Committee Chair, the organised the programme with élan.



NCLCL teacher



NCLCL teacher



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NCLCL teacher



Teacher Co-ordinators of Silver Point School

SHIKSHA HOBE

The Club launched “Shika Hobe” at Shiksha Ghar which involves setting up 5 small computer training and Spoken English centers in association with IHA Foundation, managed by Rtn S S Ahluwalia



COMPUTERS FOR RCC DARA

RC Calcutta, led by Community Services Committee donated 10 computers to RCC Dara for their computer Training Centre on the occasion of Teachers Day. Sri Rishikesh received the gifts on behalf of the RCC



Reported by Hony. Secy. Sriranjani

FUN FOR SCIR CHILDREN

RC Calcutta, in association with Taj Bengal Hotel as part of their CSR commitment, organised a function FUN FEST for the children of our RCC SCIR on 2nd September at Taj Bengal Hotel. The children were engaged with musical chair game and sit-and-draw contest on a fun-filled afternoon.



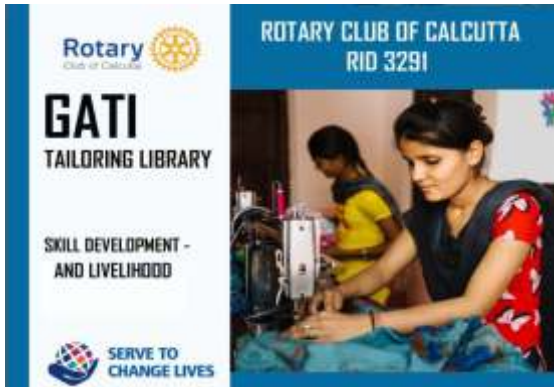
A GLIMPSE OF THE FUN FEST



A BEAUTIFUL DRAWING BY A STUDENT

A beautiful drawing by a student This was a Community Service Committee initiative led by Rtn Partha Mukherjee

GRANT FOR SEWING MACHINES



A grant amounting to ₹2,00,000 has been approved by Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust for purchase and donation of 40 brand new Sewing machines. This is probably the first time that our club is getting the grant as due diligence and correct paperwork has been done.

Expected immediate beneficiary will be 240 heads. The sewing machines will be distributed in the villages of our RCC.

Special mention needs to be made here to the unstinted support and hard work put in by preparing all documents by Hony. Secy. Sriranjani Joshi without whose constant support your chair would have missed the bus. Thanks to our President for her constant encouragement.

FORTHCOMING EVENT

AN APPEAL

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEKLY MEETING (Virtual)

SATURDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER AT 5 P.M.

The next regular weekly meeting will be held on **Saturday, 18 September at 5 p.m. on Zoom.**

Speaker: Prof. Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Bankura University

ATTENDANCE REPORT (01.09.2021)

Total Members	241
Members Present	35
Exempted Members	71
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	22

Birthdays

Tushar Basu	7 September
Debashis Mitra	8 September
Samrat Sen	9 September
Suman Chakraborty	10 September
Subimal Bose	12 September
Deepak Kumar Khemka	13 September
Shampa Ghose	17 September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NCLCL AND NIELIT

Rtn. Roshni Ganguly, Chair NCLCL Committee, has successfully sealed the partnership of Rotary Club of Calcutta with NIELIT, a Central Government organization providing certification courses to the students of our Computer Section

SEVEN DAYS NOTICE

Mr. Dipak H. Doshi

Founder / CEO, Dmax Overseas Pvt. Ltd.

“Urbashi”, 12 C, Camac Street, Kolkata – 700 017

Residence : “Urbashi” 12 C, Camac Street, Flat No: 8 B(8th floor), Kolkata – 700 017

Age : 58 years

Classification : Leather Goods Export

Proposer : PP Heena Gorsia

FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENT

Webinar on
Winds of Rotary in Bengal

PANELISTS

- Sujata Pyne**
President
Rotary Club of Calcutta
- Ishtiaque Zaman**
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Dhaka
- Abdul Ahad**
Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Chittagong

15 SEPTEMBER 2021 | 7.30 pm

Proud Organisers
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Dr. Moinul Islam Mahmud
Moderator
Past President
Rotary Club of Chittagong

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We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy, Scotland RID 1010

MINUTES OF THE 4827th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1 PM ON ZOOM

- 1 President Sujata Pyne called the 4827th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 President welcomed the attending guests and Rotarians.
- 3 National Anthem was sung.
- 4 Minutes of the 4826th Regular Meeting held on 28th August, 2021 on zoom were confirmed.
- 5 President announced :
 - a. 29th August 2021 – President, Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi, Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Rajkumar Agrawal President Elect, Rtn. Debashis Biswas Executive Secretary Rtn, Purnendu Roychowdhury, CYP, Rtn. Dr. Krishna Sen and Rtn. Suman Chakraborty attended the Installation meeting of Rotaract Club of Calcutta held at Rotary Sadan.
 - b. The partnership between NIELIT and Rotary Club of Calcutta for the computer centre students.
 - c. 4th September, 2021 – in continuation of Hariyali Project variety of rose plantation at Victoria Square Garden in collaboration with KMC and Taj Bengal.
 - d. 4th September, 2021 - Blood donation Camp for paediatric leukemia patients will be organised by Rotary District 3291 and Rotary Club of Calcutta. Other participating clubs are Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur and Rotaract District 3291 All are welcome as Donors with registration before 1st September 2021. 300 policemen volunteered as Donors.
 - e. 5th September 2021 – a Blood Donation Camp to be organised at Bally Kendra Howrah .
 - f. 5th September 2021 – Launch of “Sikha Hobe Sikha Ghar for setting up 5 numbers of e-learning and computer centres in different parts of Kolkata.
 - g. 5th September 2021 – “Gurupranam” - Felicitation of teachers for their noble service at Rotary Sadan.
- 6 The Hony. Secretary conducted the Club business:
 - a. The names of members celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the week ending 6th September, 2021 were announced and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - b. She announced the next weekly meeting would be held on 7th September, 2021 at 1 pm on zoom. Commodore Srikant Kesnur of Indian Navy would be the guest speaker on the topic “Role of Indian Navy in the 1971 War”.
- 7 Chief Guests Mr. Susobhan Ghosh, Chairman and CEO of the SGI group Limited, U. K. and Dr. Prof. Bimal Bhaduri, Paediatric Gastroenterologist and General Paediatrician were briefly introduced.
- 8 The Chief Guests addressed the audience on Developing the ATLA Village in Tarapith and answered their questions.
- 9 Rtn. Sarvani Guptoo proposed a formal vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 10 The President sent greetings and remembered with good Wishes Rotary Club of Port Blair RID 3291.
- 11 The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm.

Rtn. Sujata Pyne
President

Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi
Hony. Secretary